

EXHIBIT C

ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON ATHLETIC TRAINERS

September 4, 2008

Senator Jack Critcher, Chairman
Senate Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
Arkansas Senate
State Capitol - Room 320
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Critcher:

On August 4, 2008, the Legislative Task Force on Athletic Trainers held a hearing on the benefits of increasing the number of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Arkansas's public schools as a response to cardiac arrest incidents. Representatives of the Arkansas chapter of the American Heart Association demonstrated the deployment of an AED using a practice dummy, and testimony was heard regarding the value of these devices.

Members of the Task Force ended the meeting in agreement on two recommendations to be returned to your committees:

1. The Task Force recommends the introduction of a bill requiring all public schools in Arkansas to install at least one AED in every building housing students or administrative personnel (currently around 6,000 buildings) and to provide basic training on the use of these devices to all certified staff. The average price for an AED unit is approximately \$1,500, resulting in a \$9 million legislative fiscal impact. A less expensive but potentially acceptable alternative is to require one AED unit for every public school campus (approximately 1,500), at a cost of around \$2.25 million.
2. The Task Force recognized that cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) remains the most vital first response to a cardiac emergency, and that CPR training strongly reinforces the benefits of AEDs in preventing deaths due to cardiac arrest in public schools. For this reason, the Task Force recommends that all certified public school employees be required to receive and maintain certification in CPR as part of their annual professional development regimen. The Task Force further recommends that these classes count fully toward the existing professional development requirements, not as an additional training mandate.

Respectfully,

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Senator Jimmy Jeffress

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Representative Janet Johnson